

NOTES ON LUCANIDÆ.

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Pseudolucanus mazama var. nov. **bicostatus**: Differs from the typical form of *mazama* by the more elongate elytra, which are markedly costate, the two costæ being broad and rather flat. The narrow form of *bicostatus* at once distinguishes this variety from others which show faint indications of costæ. Type one male in my collection given to me by Mr. R. P. Dow, from Ft. Wingate, N. M. (John Woodgate collector). Length 30 mm.

Platycerus pedicellaris vs. **thoracicus**: In Memoirs of the Coleoptera, V, p. 374, Col. Thos. L. Casey says: "After carefully reading the description of (*P.*) *pedicellaris* Mollenkamp, described from California (Ent. Zeit., V, 1911, p. 304), I am unable to find any notable difference between it and *P. thoracicus* Csy. It is highly probable, therefore, that it is a synonym of that species."

In this connection I should say that I have in my cabinet one of the original cotypes of *P. pedicellaris* Mollenkamp, sent to me by F. W. Nunenmacher, the collector, and two specimens of *P. thoracicus*, identified by Col. Casey himself, and the difference is very marked. *Thoracicus* is finely punctured, flat in body, and easily discernible as a member of the *quercus* group; while *P. pedicellaris* has elytra coarsely striate and is much stouter in body, resembling in general appearance *P. keeni* Csy. This, I think, indicates specific distinctness.

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